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- 11. Mission is requested to convey to the Working Group on Communications a response to their communication G/SO 215/1 USA 67 regarding the Cuban Five Case. The text of the response will be e-mailed to post. This is item number 71 on the 2009 Geneva Correspondence Log.
- ¶2. In their letter dated October 31, 2008, the Working Group on Communications forwarded a complaint from Cuban relatives of four individuals convicted in the United States on charges based on the individuals' clandestine service on behalf of the Cuban Directorate of Intelligence. The relatives allege that they have been unable to visit their incarcerated family members as frequently or easily as they wish, because of difficulties in obtaining a visa and accomplishing visits within the

timeframe permitted by the visas which they have received. The United States had provided a response on August 19, 2009, however the Working Group decided to keep the case under review until its next session in April of 2010 and forwarded a request for supplemental information.

 $\underline{\mathbb{1}}3$. Department appreciates Mission's assistance. CLINTON